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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Retinal Neovascularization

Applicant:

Erwin SI et al.

Atty. Docket: 13587.286

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

- 1. an Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2. a Form PTO-1449 including two references; and
- 3. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 13587.286. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

The attention of the Examiner is invited to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references are submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Because this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to issuance of the first action on the merits of the above-captioned application, no certification or fee is required.

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